

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 33-45 are pending in the application. Claims 1-32 have been objected to. No claim has been rejected under prior art. Claims 1, 33, 34, and 45 have been amended herein. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Examiner Interview Summary

As a preliminary matter, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner the courtesy of extending an Examiner Interview with Applicants' representative, Kenneth DeRosa. During that interview agreement was reached as to language for overcoming the Examiner's objection of claims 1, 33, 34, and 45. That language has been incorporated into the current amendment.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 33, 34, and 45 have been objected for reciting the term "likelihood." The current amendments to claims 1, 33, 34, and 45 change this terminology to "relative risks" which has proper antecedent basis and has been approved by the Examiner in the Examiner's Interview as set forth above. As such, the Examiner's objection should be withdrawn. There are no outstanding rejections or objections to the claims. Further, there are no outstanding rejections under any prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application are allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections are respectfully requested. Favorable notice to this effect and early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the examiner have any questions and in order to expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. R. DeRosa".

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